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Letter dated 19 October 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina expresses its strong objection to the publication and circulation as documents of the United Nations of any documents from the so-called "Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia" and signed by Mr. Vladislav Jovanovic as "Chargé d'affaires, a.i. of Yugoslavia".

In this context, I wish to recall Security Council resolution 777 (1992) of 19 September 1995, which stated, inter alia:

> "Considering that the State formerly known as the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has ceased to exist," ...
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> "Considers that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) cannot continue automatically the membership of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in the United Nations, and therefore recommends to the General Assembly that it decide that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) should apply for membership in the United Nations and that it shall not participate in the work of the General Assembly."

Subsequently, the General Assembly, in its resolution 47/1 of 22 September 1992, adopted the above-mentioned recommendation.

In the light of the above decision, the recent appointment of Mr. Jovanovic as "Chargé d'affaires, a.i. of Yugoslavia" is legally faulted, as he was appointed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of a country that is not a State

Member of the United Nations and thus he cannot be considered a representative to the United Nations of any "Yugoslavia". The former "Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia" has ceased to exist and the so-called "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)" has yet to apply for membership in the United Nations.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly, under item 8, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nedzib SACIRBEY
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Report of the Secretary-General

(in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 49/36 A)

1. The present report is submitted in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 49/36 A of 9 December 1994. Paragraph 8 of the resolution reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"...

"8. Requests the Secretary-General:

"(a) To provide all necessary facilities to the Special Committee, including those required for its visits to the occupied territories, so that it may investigate the Israeli policies and practices referred to in the present resolution;

"(b) To continue to make available such additional staff as may be necessary to assist the Special Committee in the performance of its tasks;

"(c) To circulate regularly to Member States the periodic reports mentioned in paragraph 6 above;

"(d) To ensure the widest circulation of the reports of the Special Committee and of information regarding its activities and findings, by all means available, through the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, and, when necessary, to reprint those reports of the Special Committee which are no longer available;

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"(e) To report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the tasks entrusted to him in the present resolution."

2. All necessary facilities were provided to the Special Committee. Arrangements were made for it to meet in March, May and August 1995. Furthermore, the Special Committee carried out a field mission to Egypt, Jordan and the Syrian Arab Republic in May 1995. Two periodic reports and the twenty-seventh annual report of the Special Committee were circulated to Member States (A/50/170, A/50/282 and A/50/463).

3. Pursuant to paragraph 8 (d) of resolution 49/36 A, the Department of Public Information undertook the following activities:

(a) The Department continued to provide press coverage in English and French of all meetings of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories. It also distributed United Nations information materials, documents and press releases on the activities of the Special Committee to representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and to the public at large through its network of Information Centres and Services;

(b) Both at Headquarters and through the United Nations Information Centres and Services, the Department publicized the Special Committee's 1995 mission to the Middle East, contacting the NGO community, other United Nations agencies, and the public at large;

(c) The Department recently published a volume for the "Blue Book" series, The United Nations and Human Rights 1945-1995, 1/ which had been prepared by the Centre for Human Rights and which also refers to the work of the Special Committee. The Department disseminated the book through appropriate channels, including United Nations Information Centres and Services.

4. It should also be noted that, on 15 May 1995, the Secretary-General addressed a note verbale to all States drawing attention to resolution 49/36 A-D.

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Report of the Secretary-General

(in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 49/36 B)

1. The present report is submitted in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 49/36 B of 9 December 1994, the operative part of which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"...

"1. Reaffirms that the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, is applicable to the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967;

"2. Demands that Israel accept the de jure applicability of the Convention in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, and that it comply scrupulously with the provisions of the Convention;

"3. Calls upon all States parties to the Convention, in accordance with article 1 common to the four Geneva Conventions, to exert all efforts in order to ensure respect for its provisions by Israel, the occupying Power, in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution."

2. On 15 May 1995, the Secretary-General addressed a note verbale to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel, in which he requested, in view of his reporting responsibilities under the resolution, that the Minister inform him of any steps his Government had taken or envisaged taking concerning the implementation of the relevant provisions of the resolution.

3. No reply had been received at the time of the preparation of the present report.

4. By note verbale dated 15 May 1995, the Secretary-General also drew the attention of all States parties to the Convention to paragraph 3 of resolution 49/36 B.

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Report of the Secretary-General

(in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 49/36 C)

1. The present report is submitted in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 49/36 C of 9 December 1994, the operative part of which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"...

"1. Determines that all measures and actions taken by Israel, the occupying Power, in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, in violation of the relevant provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, and contrary to the relevant resolutions of the Security Council, are illegal and have no validity, and demands that Israel desist forthwith from taking any such measures or actions;

"2. Reaffirms in particular that the Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967 are illegal and an obstacle to a comprehensive settlement;

"3. Notes with satisfaction the return of a number of deportees to the occupied Palestinian territory, and calls upon Israel to facilitate the return of the remainder;

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"4. Calls upon Israel, the occupying Power, to accelerate the release of all remaining Palestinians arbitrarily detained or imprisoned, in line with agreements reached;

"5. Calls for complete respect by Israel, the occupying Power, of all fundamental freedoms of the Palestinian people, pending the extension of the self-government arrangements to the rest of the West Bank;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution."

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